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Internet gospel

I've only seen and heard Reverend Billy via the Internet, but by all accounts his live shows are exciting. He's got all the righteousness of a fundamentalist revival meeting, an upbeat sermon style, and lots of music. Underlying it all is a more somber message: corporate culture is killing the individuality of communities and drawing adults and children in with them. We ignore outrageous work practices and environmental degradation in our rush for more stuff that we believe will improve our lives. **See Page 17**

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Out of this world

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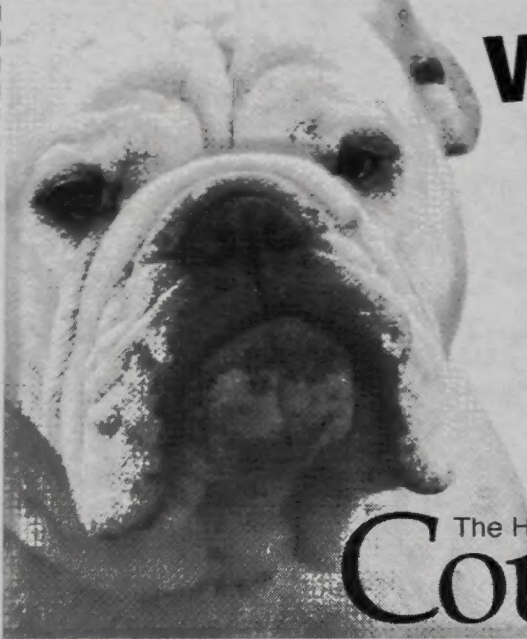
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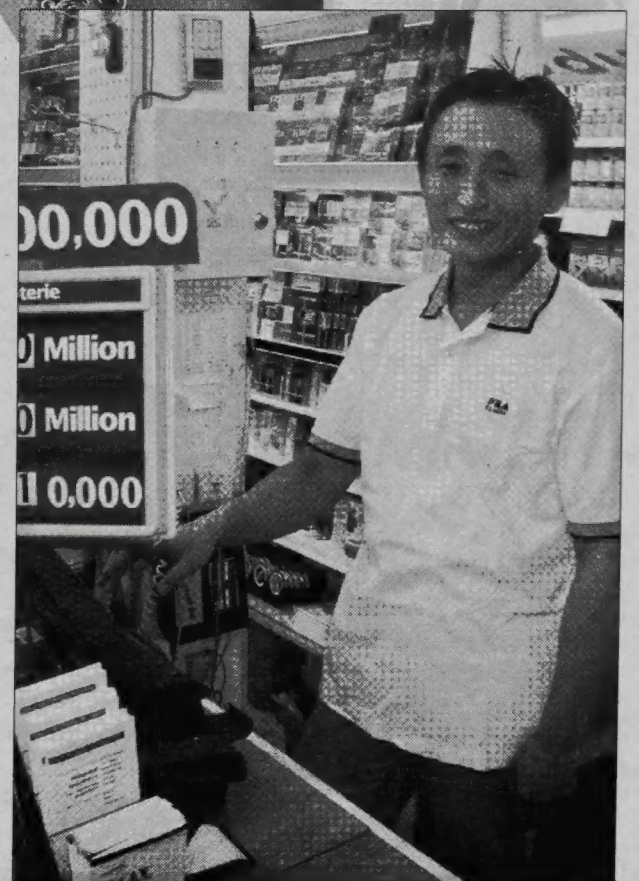
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Michelle Wright rocked
the house at this year's
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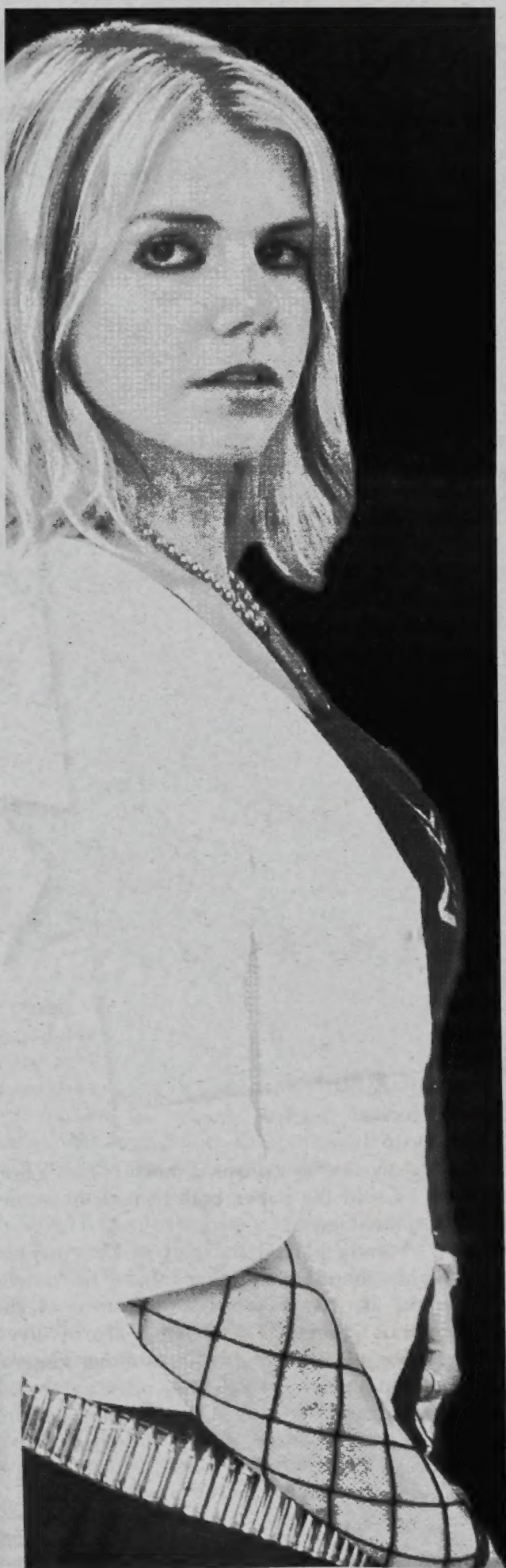
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Breaking Celebrity News!

She'll stand on
guard for thee

Jennifer Strype, lead singer of the rock band Ariel's Worm will now be seen as an anthem singer for the Toronto Raptors! Jennifer was recently offered the opportunity to be a regular anthem singer, with her next appearance on Sunday, Nov. 26th, when the Toronto Raptors take on the Indiana Pacers.

The singer who lives in Haliburton, has appeared singing for the Toronto Blue Jays and Toronto Argonauts, and can now add the Raptors to her resume!

Her band, Ariel's Worm has been creating a buzz in the music industry with their latest musical effort 'Firegirl'.

"Things are definitely happening for us," Beginning as a brother and sister duo, songwriter Mike Strype and vocalist Jennifer Strype found success early on with the licensing of the song Beginner's Luck to the hit TV show Dawson's Creek. The band line up, rounded out by Michael Braun on drums and Peter Fera on bass, drive the band to new heights of rhythmic power.

Playing all over Toronto, Ariel's Worm has a steadily growing fan base, and has performed at such clubs as Lee's Palace, The El Mocambo, The Horseshoe Tavern, Toronto's Hard Rock Café (Club 279), Dundas Square (Toronto) and Canadian Music Week 2004.

Jennifer says. "It's not glitz and glamour, just plain old fashioned hard work ... and lots of it." Playing regularly in Toronto has generated interest from record labels and management firms and the band hopes to sign a record deal within the year. We look forward to hearing more about Jennifer in the future! You can check out her band at www.myspace.com/arielsworm.

All the best Jennifer!

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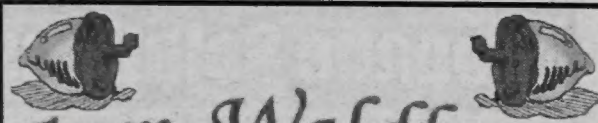


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An out of this world sort of guy

The story about Jack

By Jerry Grozelle

Getting out of the fast paced, deadline oriented newspaper business hasn't slowed Jack Brezina down. In fact, his wife Pat has been known to say, "He's never home."

When Jack sold The Minden Times a few years ago, many of his loyal readers wondered what he would do in his retirement, or if he would become involved in some other business adventure.

Well, Jack's life after The Times has remained an adventure. He has done some things he wouldn't have been able to do if he still owned the paper. Among the most notable of his adventures was an excursion to the Far North to cook for a group of about 40 people at the Houghton Mars Project on Devon Island, Resolute Bay.

"It was fantastic. An amazing experience," he said. "I was surrounded by individuals who were preparing for a trip to Mars". In their minds, what they were doing was paving a road to Mars. These were people who had all sorts of expertise in space travel. Astronauts were there. The location was chosen because of its similarity to the surface of the Red Planet. "The camp has been there for 10 years now," he explained. "I had an opportunity to rub shoulders with astronauts, table talked with individuals involved in the space race and all that

sort of thing. It was a fascinating experience," he said.

So, for five weeks over summer of 2005, Jack had an adventure of a lifetime.

This amazing experience came about after he had read an article in the Globe and Mail in the fall of 2004 about the project. "The reporter had mentioned, just in passing, that the cook had left so I thought well, here's an opportunity - I cook in remote locations (he cooks for a week during the deer hunt at the Old Saw Hunt camp every fall) so I tracked the head honcho down. We met in May of 2005 and he said "oh, yeah, you'll do" and up I went

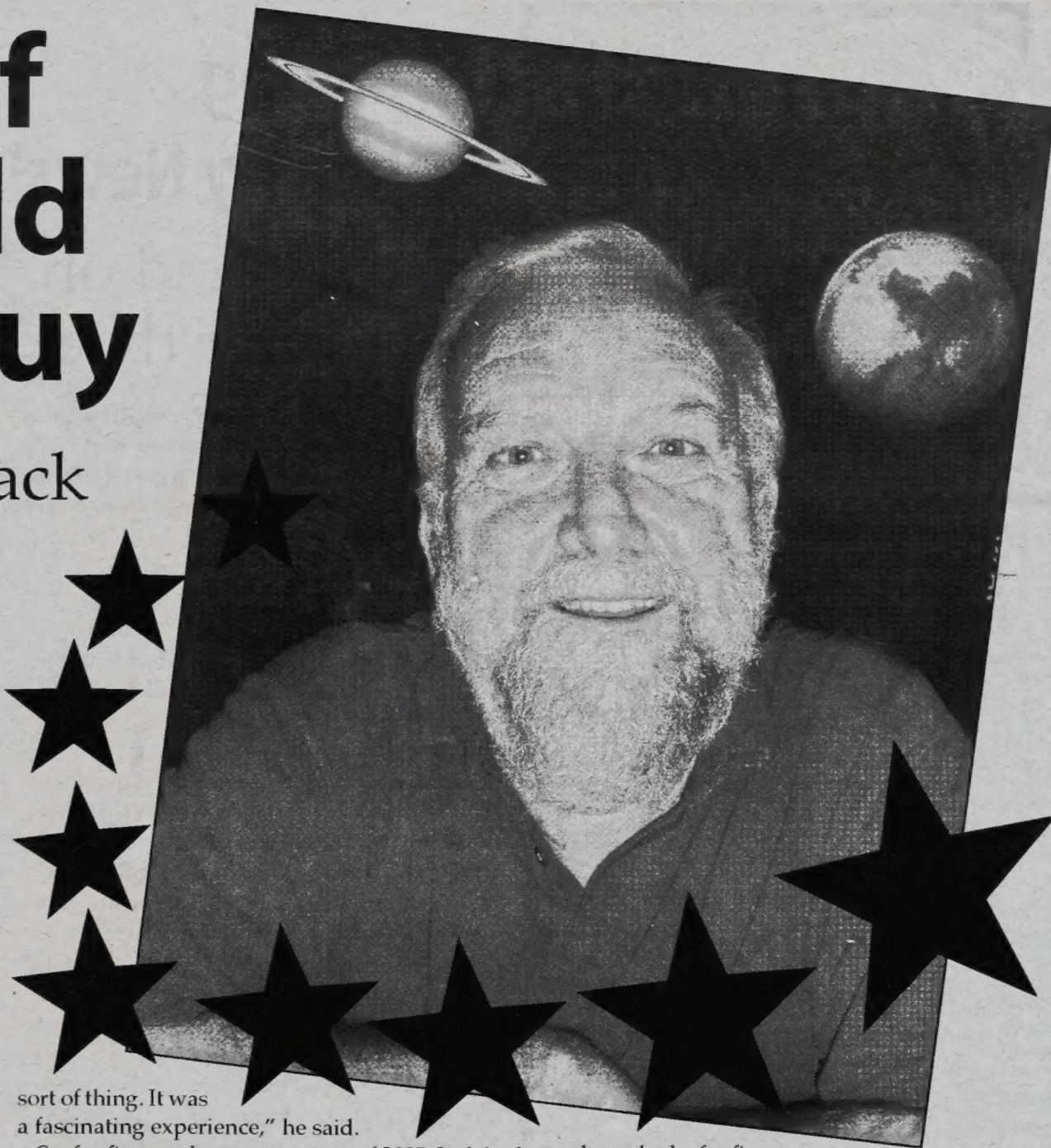
and cooked for five weeks up there."

Local theatre has occupied much of Jack's time since he sold the paper, both behind the scenes and on the stage.

He recently played the part of Dr. Anagnos in a play about Helen Keller titled 'The Miracle Worker.' It was a cameo appearance at the Highlands Summer Festival. "I was also involved backstage with the Highlands Summer Festival and I put the program together for them, did promotion and that sort of thing - the brochure and the posters. I didn't do the design, but I co-ordinated the promotion. Sandi Luck from Mill House Designs did the design work.

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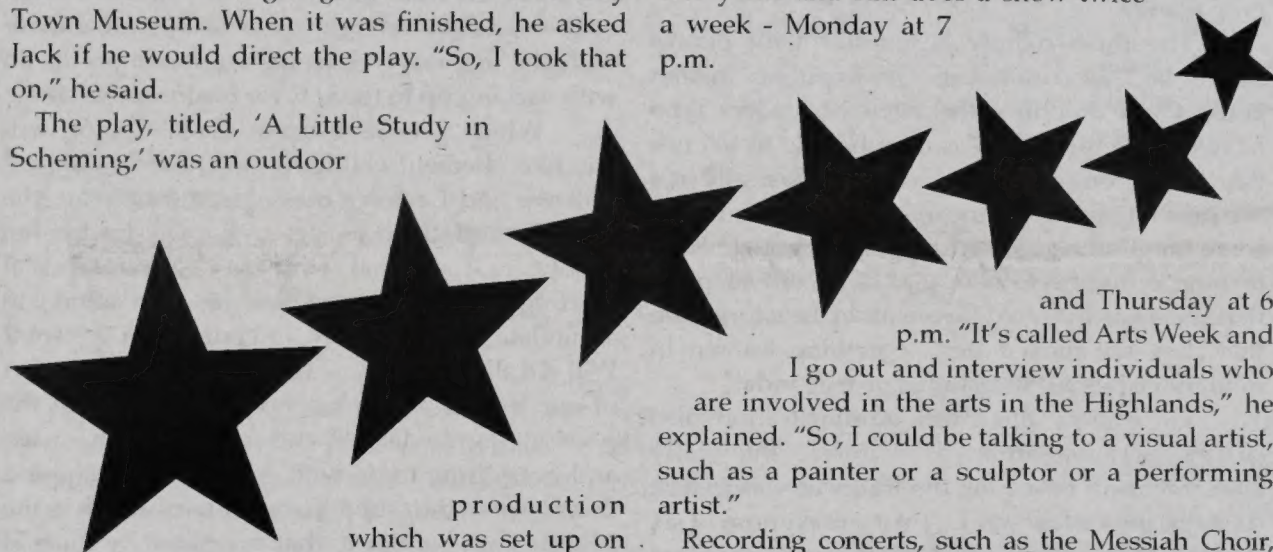
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Life has been anything but boring for Jack Brezina since he retired from the newspaper business.

This past spring Michael Fay had developed the script for a one-act play based on a screenplay that Erin Kernohan had found in the bottom of a box when she was cataloguing artifacts for the County Town Museum. When it was finished, he asked Jack if he would direct the play. "So, I took that on," he said.

The play, titled, 'A Little Study in Scheming,' was an outdoor

Jack is also involved with Canoe FM, the volunteer operated radio station in Haliburton. He served on the board of directors of the station for two years and still does a show twice a week - Monday at 7 p.m.



and Thursday at 6 p.m. "It's called Arts Week and

I go out and interview individuals who are involved in the arts in the Highlands," he explained. "So, I could be talking to a visual artist, such as a painter or a sculptor or a performing artist."

Recording concerts, such as the Messiah Choir, Women's Choir and others for broadcast on his show is also part of what he does at Canoe FM.

Jack still serves on the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Board (He was chair for two years). He is currently the chairman of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre Foundation. He's also a member of the U-Links board of directors and he is the honorary chair of Community Care of Haliburton County. He is also a member of the Medical Professional Recruitment Committee.

Early this year, Jack and Pat traveled to New Zealand to spend some time their daughter Kerry and her new husband.

Life has been anything but boring for Jack Brezina since he retired from the newspaper business. He says he misses the writing and may pursue that avenue again in the future. In the meantime, he has plenty to keep him occupied with all the volunteer work he is doing.

by Jerry Grozelle

Celebrity Spotlight
have you met someone famous?



Dear Dave

Recently, I was visiting New York City hoping to meet my favorite late night guy, to get my big interview for my paper the Highlands Courier. After touring the sights on the Big Red Bus, we finally made it to your studio location. Hoping to find you... David Letterman.

We were too late.

But Al was there to greet us with a big smile. He also was kind enough to pose for this picture and speak to us briefly.

New York city rocked, and after getting lost at the Port Authority, one of New York City's finest escorted us to our tour bus. This police officer said to us he loved Canadians and that we had the best doughnuts.

Now, here I am in Harcourt Ontario, Canada, not far from Paul's hometown wanting my big break... interview that is.

So after having a great time, but not being able to meet you, we thought we'd publish this picture in hopes of it catching your attention.

Dave, how does a small town publisher get the big scoop?

Thoughtfully yours

Andrea

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Lies that make the world go 'round

by Peter R. Snell

Will we be enthusiastic supporters when the U.S. makes its move into Iran? Harper has a delicate balancing act to perform to convince the Canadian people we are doing the right thing.

Lying. We all do it, we all know it's generally wrong and we're all generally outraged when politicians and businesspeople lie in an attempt to convince us to do their bidding.

Recently, there were fierce protests in Hungary after Prime Minister Ferenc Gyurcsany admitted that his government repeatedly lied to the people. Now there's just as fierce a debate over whether Gyurcsany is a hero for finally telling the truth or a scoundrel for deceiving his people. "I am a liar, and that's the truth" is one of those paradoxes we love to ponder over. Beyond this, it seems obvious that politicians who lie deserve our scorn. But are we, the people, really able to handle the truth? Maybe part of the reason politicians lie is because they know they will not survive if they told us the unabashed truth.

As for Gyurcsany, he is definitely scrambling after his initial admittance. Still, his rational for lying has both benefited an economic class, and allowed those in the lower classes to have pipedreams of better days to come. Here's how Gyurcsany put it in conversation with a BBC journalist: "I was speaking about the whole elite. We repeated and repeated that you can be richer, fulfill your dreams, and we can give you happiness and fortune as a gift. This is a real lie. For the last 15 years, none of us were brave enough to initiate deep reform. We wanted to avoid painful measures and always found excuses not to act. That's the real lie."

In 1933, Wilhelm Reich wrote a book called *The Mass Psychology of Fascism*. In it, he tried to unravel the reasons why people so willingly accept the lies of our leaders. Part of it lies, he thinks, in our need to have a father figure who will "manage everything"; without someone at the helm, we'll fall apart. Ordinary people see something of themselves in their nationalist leader, and in a childlike fashion, will believe the most outrageous lies because they see their leader reflected in them. "On the basis on this identification, he believes himself to be a defender of the 'national heritage,' of the 'nation,' which does not prevent him likewise on the basis of this identification from simultaneously despising 'the masses' and confronting them as an individual."

Reich feels this is a crippling of "rational independence and cooperation" and "no genuine democracy can be built upon it." I find Reich's 1933

analysis has an uncanny application to the U.S. today, and to a lesser degree perhaps, many other Western nations. As we all know, in his down-home fashion, Bush endlessly spouts lies, many of them so ludicrous that any rational person would be justified in wondering how such a person could achieve the most powerful political position in the world. Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, feels Bush is worse than Hitler and that the "genocidal, fascist attitude of the US president has no limits." In September of this year, he told the UN that the "devil" Bush talks as if he were "the owner of the world."

Histrionics or not, Chavez also makes some good point. Bush, for his part is no stranger to overstatement. His rational is best stated in his own words: "In my line of work, you gotta keep repeating things over and over and over again, for the truth to sink in, to kinda catapult the propaganda."

The Bush regime is familiar, with Plato's "noble lie," as outlined in *The Republic*. In that book, Plato describes the need of leaders who have a truth the masses cannot handle to tell lies that will promote a greater truth. Basically it's the promotion of any means, if the end is noble, something that would have Immanuel Kant turning in his grave. In a weird twist, one suspects that Bush has repeated lies so often, he's forgotten that they are indeed lies, something known in military circles as "incestuous propaganda."

Of course, the Bush administration also suffers serious amnesia; witness the early assessments of how long the Iraq war was to last: six days, then a few weeks, then a maximum of six months, then a few years. Now its message is that anyone who thinks such a serious situation could be solved in a few days is a fool.

Lest we feel superior up here in Canada, we must remember that Prime Minister Harper follows a similar path in his habitual manipulation of information. Both subscribe to a form of neo-conservatism that follows their philosophic mentor, Leo Strauss. Strauss was a professor at the University of Chicago. A German-Jewish scholar, he was forced to flee Germany during the Nazi regime. He espoused a form of cryptic writing that contained hidden messages for the elite while sending a different message to the masses who were incapable understanding such messages. As the latter were incapable of ruling themselves, the

elite had to do it. Democracy, therefore, is a nice idea, but (say the elites) it must be severely curtailed in practice. So, while the right may have lost the battle in the general move to democracy in the West over the past 200 years, it could be regained if a forceful elite were to impose what Strauss termed "regime change" upon the public. Bush and Harper represent the push to reverse the liberal trend in politics and move to a more autocratic system. No wonder business elites celebrate Canada's move to institute regime change.

As with Bush's people, Harper's handlers have done a fine job in creating a public persona for him: he's got a fresh school-boy attitude that belies his darker intentions. As with Bush, Harper's past (his association to the far-right National Citizen's Coalition, his past Strausserian advisors in Calgary and so on) has been conveniently forgotten as he pushes the Canadian version of regime change.

One of the collective lies that Bush and Harper share are that things are looking rosier and rosier in Afghanistan and Iraq. Ex-prime minister Paul Martin (pushed by General Hillier) got us out of the peacekeeping business and into outright war. Harper got us more involved. In order not to enrage the public, we get regular reports how things are improving, how we're bringing democracy to otherwise backward nations, etc. etc. And all the while, we get further and further into the mix. Will we be enthusiastic supporters when the U.S. makes its move into Iran? Harper has a delicate balancing act to perform to convince the Canadian people we are doing the right thing. His messages to us will be dressed in moral righteousness, but our alliance with the aggressive U.S. regime has more to do with sucking up to the U.S. for business reasons.

Which gets us back to Reich's point: will we, like obedient children, obey daddy Harper? Will we find Layton's messages too utopian, the Liberals and their as yet unknown leader too chaotic and covered with past scandals? Will we forget Harper's past lies, his past efforts to annihilate our healthcare and education systems? Will we all wave yellow or red ribbons in support of our troops, which has nothing to do with the poor young soldier on the front in Afghanistan and everything to do with emotional kidnapping that ropes us into supporting military action in the Middle East, similar to that promoted by Bush at the outset of the Iraqi war?

Really, the war on the home front is beyond left-right politics. Regime change means rejigging our entire political system and stopping the liberal democratic drift. Democracy may be the word on everyone's lips (mom, apple pie and democracy) but it will be a hollow word, unless we take Reich's advice, learn how to exercise rational independence and cooperation (what Reich calls "social self administration"), and reject the patronizing "noble lies" many of our politicians push upon us.

by Peter R. Snell

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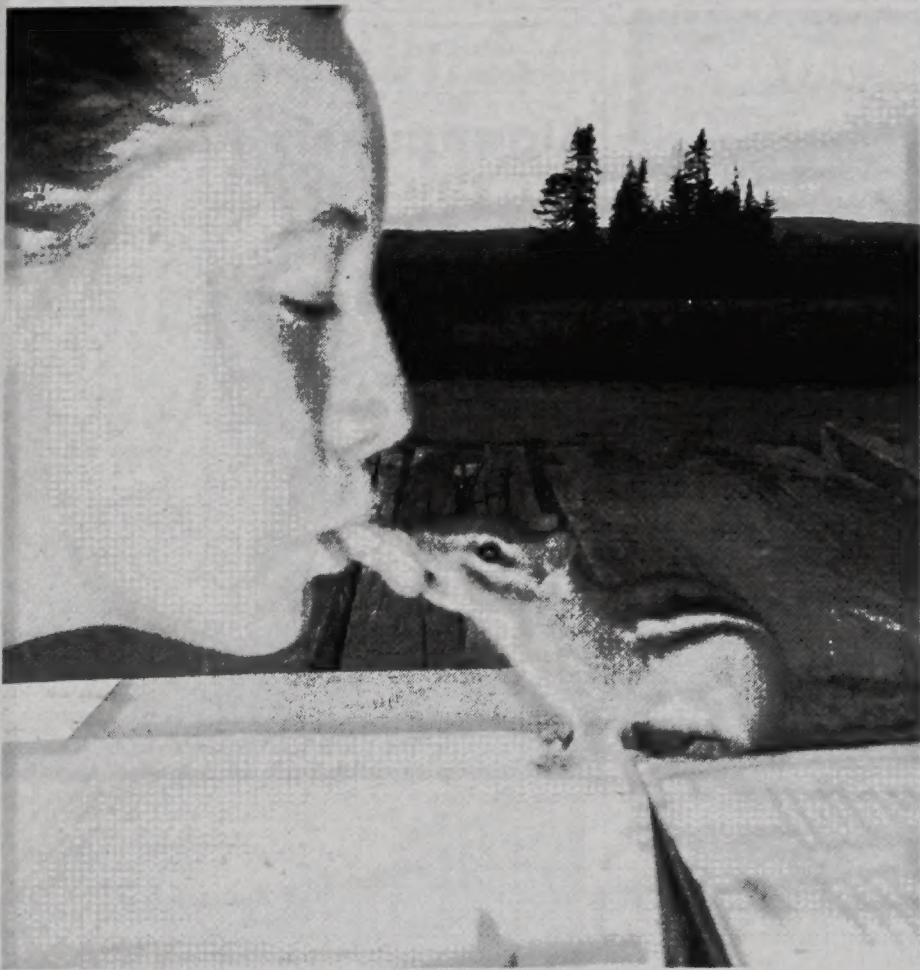
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This photo taken by Taylor herself while she was doing her homework outside at the cottage. It was recently printed in the Toronto Sun as a back to school photo. It must have been love at first bite for this chipmunk!

Editorial

by Andrea Hillo

A few weeks ago, I had the opportunity to revisit my past. No I'm not talking ghosts or anything like that, but a chance to go back to the neighbourhood in Toronto, where I had my very own first apartment. Well actually it wasn't an apartment but a basement in the home of family friends.

I loved that place. I lived there for about 6 years, and to this day can remember exactly how it looked. Being in my late teens, early twenties, I had the walls smeared with rock posters, a waterbed, drafting table, TV, and a fridge full of not much. My mom would visit every few weeks to fill up that fridge, but I was seldom home, so much of this would go to waste.

My pad was a streetcar ride away from the college I attended, and located on a street that was full of life at all hours of the day. There were fruit markets, bakeries, restaurants and good friends within walking distance.

The family that owned this house was made up of a mother, her son and daughter. They were like family to me, and I especially now appreciate the fact that they were close by. So close in fact that at times I would hear the son, Greg, snoring upstairs.

They were always good to me, and for that reason I have wanted to go back. I remembered one time arriving home and my apartment door was kicked in. Instead of looking inside, I went to my landlady for help. She grabbed a shovel and we both crept inside to find no one, but the huge mess. You see they were there, through it all. Burglaries, boyfriends, 80's big hair, parties, all those things that help make us into who we are today.

Twenty years later (but who's counting) I walked back into that apartment. It was really weird and totally different. The rock posters were gone long ago, so was the waterbed. But the family was still there with a few new additions and I felt like I was somehow still a part of the 'hood' that day. It brought back many memories, most good, some bad, I even began to wonder what my life would be like if I had stayed in that apartment. Would it be different?

At home now, my drafting table has been replaced by the computer I write this editorial with and the TV, well that TV was taken out by lightning a long time ago and replaced. I guess it's true, the more things change, the more they stay the same. Oh yeah and about the fridge here at home, it's still full of not much, I'm still seldom home, but now, I live next door to my mom.

Andrea

Get an opinion

by Dan the City Guy

Talking trash

Do you have an old corn field up north that is not being used? Perhaps some farm land that has land that is no longer cultivatable? Or better yet, a small lake that no longer supports fish and other wildlife? If so, Toronto has a huge pile of money to give you for it. Look, if you don't need the extra land, you may as well get a chunk of change for it. Don't wait for your neighbour to give you an undervalued amount. Just sit in your lawnchair and watch as a big metropolis drives up to your home and pours millions of dollars in cash onto your driveway. And not just a one time deal. No way. Toronto will then send you and your family a big cheque every month until long after you are dead.

But if this is such a good deal, why hasn't anyone taken Toronto up on the offer? Well, there is one small, teeny, eeny bit of a catch. But it is just a minor inconvenience that you may only need a nose plug to solve.

The catch? Well, you have to allow Toronto to drive all their garbage, sludge and waste and drop it in your backyard. An endless convoy of daily trucks will deliver all of the urbanites leftover meals, candy wrappers, coffee cups, and discarded products and dump them onto your pristine landscape and cottage country. And there may be a miniscule amount of unpleasant odour that is included in this money bonanza.

You cannot expect the big cities to take care of their own garbage can you? Aren't you good neighbours and fellow Canadians? Think of the money your town will receive. It will help pay for new sidewalks, libraries, development. The population will grow. More homes will be built, maybe even apartments. Your town will grow into city status. More trees will be cut down. Cottages will be overtaken by monster homes. Lakes and rivers will start to become polluted. Garbage will increase. But your garbage dumps are full because you have Toronto's garbage. So more garbage sites will have to be found. You send your own garbage to a town further north. But they don't mind. Look at the money that town will receive. It will help pay for.....

The cycle is endless. Until we all take care of our own garbage the countryside will be our next dumping grounds. Although the big cities have started to take the garbage issue seriously, there is still much work to do. Apartments still do not blue boxes. The LCBO still does not recycle, albeit the government finally is trying to see this happen in the near future. People still use the sidewalks and streets as their own private garbage cans. Walls are used for graffiti and advertising posters. Cigarette butts line the front of all office buildings. There are not enough garbage cans and not enough workers to pick up the trash. Products still have way too much packaging.

But why should a big city care? They can always send their garbage out of town.

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Some people have learned not to believe the weather forecast and came out and had a blast of fun at the 2nd annual IBO Trail Mixer event that took place at Tory Hill on September 30th.

They had 20 entries of cyclists, hikers, ATV riders and horseback riders. Each user group had their own trail map to follow. They were also given a sheet of photos taken on the trails and each user group had to find out, which photos were taken on their trail. There was also a photo contest for the Best Use of Trail shot, Best Natural Work of Art shot and Best Fall Colour shot.

This event was part of the Celebration of Trails and hosted by the Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours volunteers and coordinated by Tammy Donaldson of South Algonquin Trails who sits on the board, representing equestrian use of trails. This is a unique event that fosters cooperation

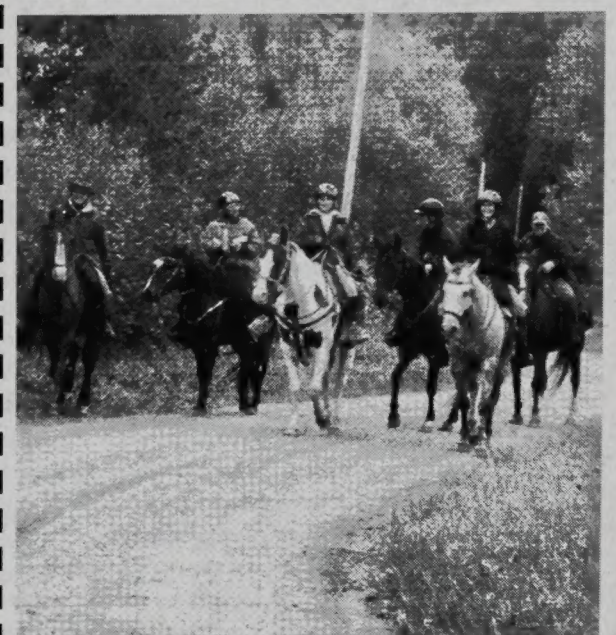
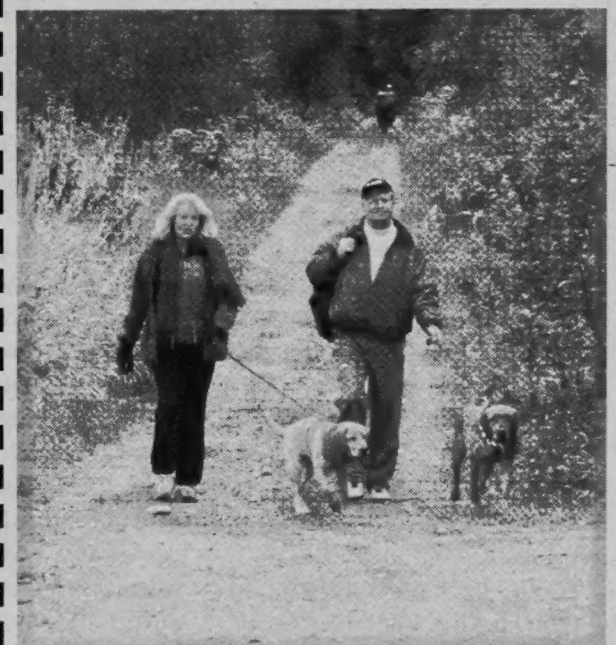
among different types trail users.

Distance traveled varied on your mode of transportation, 5-10 km for hikers, 15-20 km for cyclists, 20 km for horseback rider, 30 km for ATV's. Thanks goes out to all the volunteers who helped run the event and a big thanks to all the participants.

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The 2006 Celebration of Trails is the first annual autumn celebration of trails, events and communities, happening in the City of Kawartha Lakes and the Counties of Haliburton, Northumberland, Peterborough, Hastings and surrounding communities. Exciting trail events for all ages and interests will get you out and active to discover the region's great trails. For more information on the Celebration of Trails go to www.celebrationoftrails.com



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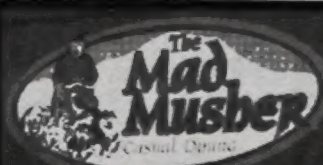
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New Brunswick's New Business

An afternoon at an arms convention with some nice folks

by Chris Arsenault

David Innis doesn't seem like a bad guy.

He's got a warm red face, a half-decent tie and wants to bring investment and jobs to New Brunswick. But, as chairman of the New Brunswick Aerospace Defence Association (NBADA), Innis is essentially an arms dealer. His job is to lure more military -- excuse me -- 'aerospace and defence' investment to the province.

New Brunswick has a pretty well-established defence industry," Innis said while working the NBADA booth at a military trade show in Halifax.

The New Brunswick Aerospace Defence Association, including some 60 companies, "was born five years ago to give the businesses and the companies themselves a forum or an opportunity to engage in this industry in a more co-operative manner and engage the world that exists out there," Innis said.

And what a world it is. Inside the convention centre, government functionaries with receding hairlines and businessmen in grey suits brush shoulders with soldiers in military fatigues. Several hundred people interested in the business of war have gathered for this spectacle.

On the convention's second floor sits the main presentation room, where major arms makers like Boeing explain how smaller firms can win subcontracts on their projects. Boeing's rep reads from prepared notes, bragging how his firm produces one-third of all satellites currently in orbit and generated \$54.8 billion in revenue from 145 countries in 2005. The PowerPoint presentation on the screen behind the rep shows white missiles blasting into blue sky, with a superimposed American flag in the background.

Boeing's PowerPoint presentation plays like a bad Nickelback video, complete with a hard-rock song entitled 'Anywhere, Anytime' that seems to have

been written especially for the weapons firm.

With clients in 145 countries, the company is certainly ready to get paid by 'anyone at anytime,' selling weapons to both sides in various wars.

"As everything is becoming more global, we really have to step forward and look at the industry in a larger context than we have in the past. It involves an awful lot more networking," Innis said. The New Brunswick table is fairly small and not too impressive compared to major players like General Dynamics Canada, Raytheon and Boeing.

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Many companies at the arms fair offer bowls of Werther's Originals or Campino hard candy on their displays. Buying missiles, armoured personnel carriers and aircraft components should, after all, be a sweet affair.

Many New Brunswick weapons firms are small subcontractors making component parts for large war machines. One of the province's defence "success stories," according to a government press release, is DEW Engineering, who operate a 100,000 square-foot facility in Miramichi.

This firm produces, among other things, "add-on armour for the world market". Vehicles like Army Stryker, involved in the occupation of Iraq, use

this sort of add-on armour.

"New Brunswick has everything that it needs to fully participate in this industry," Innis said.

When people who sell weapons talk about their industry, concepts like war, kill, maimed kids, vanquished infrastructure and greed rarely fall into the lexicon. It's a 'defence industry' not a 'weapons that kill people' industry.

In his 1961 farewell address, President Dwight D. Eisenhower issued the American people, and by extension the rest of us, a serious warning.

"We must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military industrial complex," said Eisenhower.

Today, the influence of the military industrial complex is beyond unwarranted; it is all encompassing.

In 2005, the United States spent \$455 billion on its military; more than the combined total of the 32 next most powerful nations, notes a report from the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute. In 2005, Canada was already the seventh largest military spender of the 26 countries in NATO, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

"For the price of one military helicopter, the government could build 1,000 homes to shelter Canada's homeless," notes a report from the Polaris Institute, a left-leaning think tank based in Ottawa.

During the last week of June 2006, Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced \$15 billion in new spending on military vehicles, including transport planes, heavy-lift helicopters, troop carrier ships and trucks, to be spent over the next number of years. www.dominionpaper.ca

by Chris Arsenault

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What the heck are Timberdoodles

October has always held a special place in my heart. It's a time of blushing hardwoods, windswept leaves, and early morning mists drifting across the lake.

There are hints of winter – crisp air, frosty nights, and cold north winds – but there are also days when the sun shines fiercely and summer appears ready to return.

Skins of geese are commonly silhouetted against cobalt blue skies, framed by the kaleidoscope of colours remaining in the treetops, and migrating ducks seem to be in every marsh.

In the uplands, leafy cover gives way and a multi-coloured mosaic drifts down, piece by piece, to the forest floor. Now, a rising grouse is not just a thunderous sound heard on take off. Finally, the hunter actually stands a chance of seeing the bird take flight and level off between the birch and poplars. Sometimes, if it all comes together, he'll see the bird fold too.

I'm a duck hunter through and through, but in the last few years, I've come to regard a woodcock hunt as one of the great joys of October. Woodcock, sometimes called timberdoodles, are a worm-eating bird with a long beak tailor-made for probing the soft earth. You can hunt local birds from September 20th onwards but it's not until the frost seals the soft earth to the north that the great flights pass through. That's when a woodcock hunter puts everything else on hold.

There's a sense of desperation and urgency upon their arrival. One day your favourite cover will hold a grouse or perhaps a local woodcock or two; the next day your dog will bump or point woodcock in memorable numbers. At times like these, it's sometimes hard to stay ahead of the action.

There's no such thing as a dogless woodcock hunter, by the way. Oh sure, you might flush the odd one, if you squirm and twist through tight cover where the soft mud and the leaves form a damp carpet; but the truth is you'll never flush timberdoodles consistently unless you have a hard-charging dog that is possessed of a good noise and abundant energy. You know you're in the right area when you start to find "splat" (dime-sized chalky white droppings) on the forest floor.

Pointers are the classic woodcock gun dog. Timberdoodles not creep away from a staunch pointer like grouse do; they cooperate sitting still and having faith in their camouflage until a hunter

The sporting life with Steve Galea

walks in to complete the flush.

Flushing dogs, such as English springer spaniels, are not as classic but do equally well provided you can keep them working within gun range.

When flushed, woodcock rise with a twitter that's caused by the configuration of their primary feathers and they take flight straight up, towering to the open sky. Some say that local birds fly low and don't go as far.

A flight of them can unhinge even the most seasoned dog but it can also be the highlight of an upland season. It's amazing how small a space a flight of these birds can concentrate in.

To hit them with any consistency at all, an open choke scattergun and a short barrel or barrels (if you happen to use a double-barrelled shotgun) are needed. Shot size ranges from 7 1/2 to 9, although most use the former because of the possibility of grouse. Like grouse, they are not hardy birds and a well-placed pellet or two is all that's needed to do the job. A 12 or 20 gauge will do fine.

Old timers advised gunners to point their guns towards the nearest opening in the canopy upon hearing a woodcock take flight. The theory maintained that they fly to the open sky and tower above the canopy of willows, alders, or poplar

before deciding where they will land next. This might work but I've never had the presence of mind to anticipate them that much.

Once you've shot at a few though, you realize that they are not as fast as they initially seem. When you understand this you soon also recognize that you've got more time than you think to shoulder, aim, lead and fire.

On a first flush they do not go very far and if you watch you'll soon be able take your dog to the area to flush it again. Most hunters do not consider it sporting to flush the same bird a third time.

Interestingly, many dogs that are well versed in retrieving will not pick up a woodcock at all. Some say that they smell different or taste bad to a dog, others theorize that their high body temperature makes it uncomfortable to carry. My own English springer spaniel Callie, who retrieves just about everything, will only carry a freshly killed woodcock so far before setting it down.

There's so much more to know about these amazing little birds but I'll end by saying that, though small, they taste fine and compliment a meal of grouse beautifully. Moreover they encourage fine wingshooting, glorious hikes through the autumn uplands, and excellent opportunities for a gun dog to do what he does best. What more could you ask for in a game bird?

by Steve Galea

Steve Galea is a full-time freelance writer and a regular columnist featured in several community newspapers as well Ontario Out of Doors magazine. He has written features for Ducks Unlimited Canada's Conservator Magazine, Retriever and Pointing Dog Journals, Buckmaster's Whitetail Magazine, The Lightning Ridge Journal, Canadian Sportsmen, Canadian Flyfisher, Today's Parent and the Globe and Mail.

His professional honours include several Ontario Community Newspaper Awards for Best Columnist and Best Humour Columnist as well as two national nominations for editorial excellence



Illustration by Tom Goldsmith

and humour.

In spring and summer, he enjoys turkey hunting as well as fly fishing for trout, bass, and pike in local lakes and streams. In the fall he turns his attention to chasing duck, deer, grouse, hare, and woodcock. He is often accompanied by his faithful English Springer Spaniel Callie.

His first book entitled, My Outdoors, is a collection of bizarre outdoors humor and some say further proof that he was dropped on his head as a child. He has also contributed

to two other books on hunting and fly fishing. He lives near Tory Hill.

Erin Kernohan is one year away from realizing a long-time dream. Ever since she was in public school, the 25-year-old Minden native has aspired to be a forensic scientist. By September of 2007, she will have finished a one-year, intensive course at a university in Scotland.

Erin earned Bachelor of Science in molecular biology from the University of Waterloo, graduating in 2005. She is currently working on her Masters Degree in Forensic Science in Scotland.

"It's about applying science to legal situations - focusing on laboratory work and protocols and stuff like that," she said. It also involves bioinformatics (which, he says, is like statistics). She will be studying such subjects as DNA analysis and learning how to testify in court - all the disciplines she needs to become a forensic scientist. It will prepare her to work in law enforcement, processing evidence and providing expertise in trials.

She notes that the actual work a real forensic scientist does is vastly different from what we're accustomed to seeing on the popular television programs like CSI (Crime Scene Investigation). For example, forensic scientists don't attend at a crime scene. They work with evidence samples collected by police personnel. "Civilians never go in crime scenes, so I'll probably never see that end of it," she said.

"I always wanted to do forensic science," she said. When she started looking for different educational opportunities, the one-year masters program in Scotland, at the University of Strathclyde was appealing for many reasons. "There really isn't anything like it in Canada or even the United States," she said.

The course runs from September 2006 to September 2007. "The first semester is like a core semester so everyone has to take it. The second one you get to specialize in either chemistry or biology. I'm going to do biology - biology is definitely my interest," she said.

The third semester is a three-month placement at the Centre for Forensic Science in Glasgow. "I'm really looking forward to that," she said. "I learn by doing. I did really well in all the chemistry labs because you're actually doing something."

Erin says she will get a double benefit from the coming year. "I'll get an education and I get to go to Scotland," she said. "I think what they're doing there is really interesting, from what I've read about it and heard about it."

Erin's goal is to get a job at the Centre for Forensic Science in Toronto.

"It would be pretty much lab work. There are a number of labs across Canada. The RCMP has some labs and then there's also the wildlife forensics lab at Trent University (in Peterborough), which I find very interesting. There will be a lot of opportunities for me here when I get back. The skills they will teach me will be transferable to other lab situations. So, depending on what the job market is like, I'll have a lot of options open to me."

Erin says she would like to stay and work in Ontario when she returns from Scotland a year from now. It may be that she would have to take a job out of the province at first, and she's prepared for that. "Beggars can't be choosers," she says. If an opportunity became available at Trent's wildlife forensics facility, she said she would definitely go for



DNA analysis

it.

A Masters Degree in forensic science won't be the end of the training process. The RCMP, for instance, requires 18 months training in its own facilities before a scientist becomes a full-fledged investigator. "I believe you get 18 months of training before you get to do anything by yourself, which is excellent," she said. "Then you know what you're doing. I like that idea a lot."

Erin says she expects to be doing mostly lab work. "I enjoy doing that," she said. "Things don't progress as fast as they do in the episodes of CSI."

"You could probably multiply the timelines on CSI by 50 to get about how long it really takes to do some of that stuff," she said. "I did a lot of microbiology labs and you're waiting days and weeks to get test results. I did one lab where we did a lot with DNA and sometimes the tests just don't work. It's different in professional setting where they have different protocols, but in the school labs, some of our tests wouldn't come out

so great. When you're a student they don't really care if it works out or not." She said the quality control is much different in a forensic lab than at a school, where the learning process is the priority.

Erin says she has always been a science geek. "I had some really good science teachers in high school." Dave Mowat (biology) and Paul Close (physics) were among her mentors. "Mr. Mowat was awesome," she said.

The goal of becoming a forensic scientist isn't something new for Erin. In fact, it is something she has been thinking about since public school. She says that when she was in Grade 7 or 8, she and two other students from Archie Stouffer Elementary School, Amy Brandon and Jennifer Browning, were on the CHEX TV show Campus Quiz. When they were asked what their career aspirations were, Erin said she wanted to be a forensic scientist. "I have not lived that down to this day," she said with a chuckle. "My friends still tease me about it."

After graduating from the University of Waterloo in 2005, Erin worked for a year at the Minden Museum cataloguing artifacts. Her work at the museum was funded through an internship grant from the Haliburton County Development Corporation.

While she was sorting through the artifacts, she discovered a folded up paper in a cardboard folder in bottom of one of the boxes. When she opened the paper it was a play. She typed it out so it could be read without handling the original.

The play was given to Michael Fay, who did some rewriting and Jack Brezina was recruited to direct the play as an outdoor production at the museum grounds.

Erin played a part in the production and she also helped with promotion, including producing posters, a program, designing a website and even helping with the props. "I helped out wherever I could," she said. "It was fun."

In a way, her discovery of the play and the sequence of events that resulted in its subsequent production is similar to the steps involved in piecing together evidence, leading to the solving of a crime or other mystery.

Anyone who is interested in Erin's progress throughout the coming year can keep up informed about what she is doing by logging in to her weblog at: erin-in-scotland.blogspot.com.

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Craig and Nelly work side by side daily to grow their business. They took over in 1997 when Bob Parks and his wife Wendy left to manage the Haliburton IGA. Over time Craig and Nelly had the foresight to switch to the Foodland program. The Foodland program is designed especially for small stores in rural settings and the couple feel it is better suited to the Wilberforce community.

The McDonalds support their community in other ways as well. Through BBQ's for the Cancer Society and especially through sales of Nevada Tickets they give back to their com-

munity. The Nevada Ticket Program is run in conjunction with the Haliburton Chapter of the Lions Club and with the help of Ken Noble, monies are channeled back into our area to support local initiatives and needs.

Most of the staff at Wilberforce Foodland have been there many years. Some have been on staff since the stores opening, many have left and come back. Craig and Nelly support their employees on a very personal basis. They also work with local groups to provide product to support local functions and the best prices possible. Groups such as the local Ladies Auxiliary of the Legion and the Harcourt Ladies Group work with Craig and Nelly and enlist their help in providing the groceries necessary to put on various dinners for community support. They also work with special needs groups who provide food vouchers as special assistance in times of need and they give gift certificates as donations to community events to help promote local shopping in the community.

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Our Cover Girl Serena could hardly be-leaf the fun that she had over Thanksgiving weekend at the cottage. This nine year old and her family enjoyed the lovely weather over the holiday weekend along with the rest of us. Serena's family vacation on Elephant Lake and try their best to visit the Highlands for each season.



Minden Terry Fox Run co-chair Linda Brandon (left) and Lisa Burk helped to make sure the 2006 event progressed smoothly by manning one of the checkpoints along the route between the Minden Community Centre and Mistivale Trail. The Minden event raised more than \$13,000 for cancer research. Organizers send their thanks to all the volunteers, participants and those who dug deep to provide pledges. Many Minden area businesses and individuals generously supported the cause.

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Add blueberries, strawberries and oranges for the last 10 minutes of simmering. Sprinkle each glass of cider with nutmeg.

Total Prep/Cook Time:
30 minutes
Makes: 6 - 1 cup servings

Home *at the cottage*

FEATURE

October is the tenth month of the year in the Gregorian Calendar. It is one of seven Gregorian months with the length of 31 days. October begins in western tropical astrology with the sun in the sign of Libra and ends in the sign of Scorpio. Astronomically, the sun actually begins in the constellation of Virgo and ends in the constellation Libra.

BUT GASTRONOMICALLY speaking it means THANKSGIVING dinner and HALLOWEEN treats!!!!!!

October truly signifies the beginning of our holiday seasons. By the time that we have our turkey dinner on October 9th there will only be 75 days of shopping before we all share in seasons greetings!!!!

Let's proceed one step at a time and enjoy this months celebrations for young and old.

Here are a few suggestions on how to use up some of your turkey leftovers. Also included in this months recipes is a Halloween treat to share with friends and family. ENJOY!!!~



TURKEY AND STUFFING BAKE

This is a quick and easy casserole that yields 4-6 servings

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Ingredients

3 cups prepared stuffing
2 3/4 ounces of french fried onions. (found in a can at your local grocers)
1-10 ounce can of condensed cream of celery soup
3/4 cup of milk
1 1/2 cups cubed cooked turkey
1-10 ounce package frozen green peas, thawed
Combine stuffing and 1/2 can onions. Spoon

stuffing mixture into the bottom and up the sides of your 9 inch shallow baking dish.

Combine undiluted soup, milk, turkey and peas and pour unto your stuffing shell.

Bake covered for 30 minutes and top with remaining onions. Bake uncovered for 5 minutes longer.

TURKEY PIE

This pie should yield 8 servings. and it is yummmmmmy!!!!!!

Preheat oven to 425 degrees

Ingredients

10 inch double crust pie pastry or shell
4 tbsp of butter, divided
1 small onion minced
2 stalks of celery, chopped
2 carrots, diced
3 tbsp parsley
1 tsp oregano
salt and pepper to taste
*2 bouillon cubes
*2 cups water
*CAN ALSO SUBSTITUTE 2 CUPS OF CHICKEN STOCK
3 potatoes, peeled and cubed
1 and 1/2 cups of cooked turkey
3 tbsp of flour
1/2 cup of milk

Prepare pie shell/pastry in 10 inch pie plate
In a large skillet over medium heat melt 22 tablespoons of butter and add onion, celery, carrot, parsley, oregano, salt and pepper. Cook until veggies are soft. Stir in stock/or bouillon cubes and water. Bring to a boil and add potatoes. Cook until tender but firm.

In separate saucepan melt 2 tablespoons of butter. Stir in turkey and flour. Add milk. Add this mixture to the vegetable mixture and cook until thickened. Add to pie shell once cooled.

Bake at 425 for 15 minutes. Reduce heat to 350 and continue baking for an additional 20 minutes or until crust is golden brown.

Halloween Pumpkin Cookies

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

Ingredients

1 stick of butter or margarine
1/2 cup of sugar
1 egg
1/2 cup cooked or canned pumpkin
1/2 tsp vanilla
1 cup all purpose flour
1/2 tsp baking soda
1/4 tsp salt
1/2 tsp cinnamon

Cream sugar and butter together. Add egg and pumpkin and vanilla to the mixture. Stir dry ingredients together and add to pumpkin mixture.

Bake for 15 minutes or until golden brown.

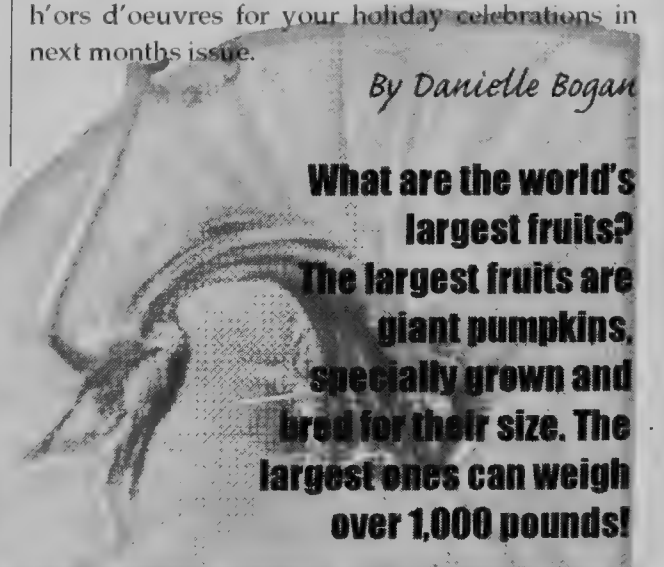
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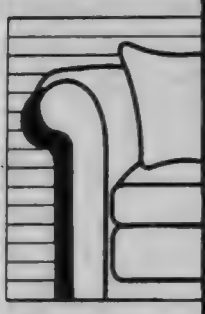
We'll be helping you plan some appetizers and h'ors d'oeuvres for your holiday celebrations in next months issue.

By Danielle Bogan

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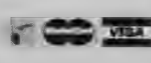
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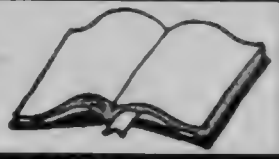
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Horoscopes

in the stars

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FEATURE

Scorpio

The 1st, you may well be on the road again. By the 5th, you might feel like it's really time to pull over and grab a cup of coffee. The 9th, get out the old roadmap if you have the feeling you might be lost. The 13th and 14th, it's all business where you're concerned. The 23rd and 24th, traffic clears, so put the pedal to the metal and ride. By the 30th, you'll have an inkling of where it is you've gotten to

Sagittarius

As this month gets going, what you do could alter the course of your projects. The 9th, spend some time in the stands signing caps and cards for your fans. The 19th, maybe there's a problem out on the field. Fix it, and you'll have a fabulous 18th and 19th. The 23rd, you and a buddy are up to all kinds of tricks. The 28th, heads up: What you do now could have big, exciting consequences.

Capricorn

The 1st, get ready for everything to get easier. By the 4th and 5th, you'll have a whole new set of responsibilities on your plate. The 11th and 12th you could be leading a seminar. The 17th, you're in the public eye. The 21st and 22nd you run into a problem. Don't run away from it. By the 27th and 28th, things ease up ... again

Aquarius

The 4th and 5th, make at least one change. The 9th and 10th, get some help. The 11th and 12th, rest, relax and process. By the 17th, you'll have learned at least one very interesting new thing about yourself. The 22nd you'll learn something interesting about someone else who's close to you. The 27th and 28th, go out at night.

Pisces

Well, guess whose day it is on the 1st? Yep, it's your day! The 3rd, welcome any obstacle. By the 5th, the road to what you really want clears. The 13th and 14th you want to pay attention to little details. The 19th, watch out — somebody isn't on your side. The 28th, things are great, good and glowing. The 29th and 30th, try something new.

Aries

Starting the 1st, you're feeling both a real urge to connect with others. By the 2nd and 3rd, you're feeling really fantastic. The 7th, if you need to sell an apartment to a high-rolling speculator, you'll do it. The 13th, 14th and 15th, keep you busy. By the 24th, you've reached a turning point. You'll have your answer the 29th and 30th, when you're feeling really fabulous

Taurus

The 1st, you could be voted 'most valuable best team player super person in the whole darned office'. The 5th, you get a real boost. Is it a phone call from a soon-to-be special somebody? The 12th, get creative and you'll come up with something beautiful. By the 17th, double-check your facts. The 21st, give yourself a break. By the 25th, you'll be ready to spend the evening out.

Gemini

What's up with you on the 1st? It's all good. The 4th and 5th, a little self-reflection drives this point home. By the 7th, you could find that you see that big, beginning-of-the-month. The 12th, go ahead and roar. The 16th and 17th, wherever you're headed, you're more than halfway there. By the 21st and 22nd, it's time for a little rest. The 26th, you'd do best to guard your strength. The 30th, get to the point quickly

Cancer

The 1st, you and all your friends and your family members are planning something big. Is it a party? By the 11th and 12th, 'low' is the last thing you feel. There's work to be done. The 19th, your work endeavors take on a momentum all their own. The 22nd, start wrapping up a work project and the 23rd and 24th, start relaxing — you've earned it! The 28th, spend some time reviewing all you've accomplished.

Leo

The 1st, you begin your month with some serious self-expression. The 5th, something somewhere somehow shifts. What? Where? How? Only you

know. The 11th and 12th, get ready to celebrate. The 21st and 22nd, you turn your attention to a few of the deeper, more mysterious sides of life. The 27th and 28th, you're back in serious self-expression mode. How on Earth are you planning on wrapping up this spectacular month?

Virgo

The 1st, you could be contemplating the deep blue of the sea. The 5th, why not take time to take stock of how you have been channeling your love for Mother Earth. The 9th, you see a problem for what it is. The 12th, you need to do something about said problem you identified. The 17th, you take your solution public, and the 20th, you spend the day implementing something very important. The 24th, take control, and the 29th, spend the day doing what you like best.

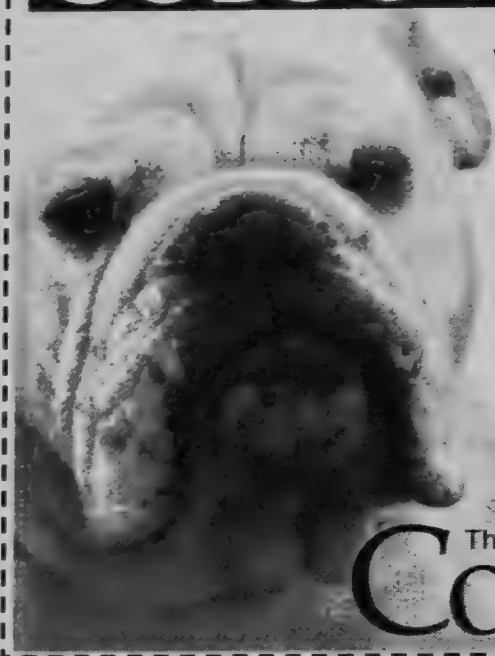
Libra

The 1st, your best qualities are coming through. The 4th and 5th, spend the afternoon getting active. The 9th, don't be too shocked if you wake up to find that some emotional problem. The 13th and 14th, make sure you've scheduled all of your medical check-ups. The 22nd, you achieve a Zenlike state of acceptance of 'what is,' then on the 26th, you change anything you don't think should be the way it is. The 30th, relax.



Concentrate on the four dots in the middle of the picture for about 30 seconds. Then close your eyes and tilt your head back. Keep them closed. You will see a circle of light, continue looking at the circle... What do you see?

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There is frost perched happily on the ground every morning, and the Scrawlers car windows need to be scraped. One can see one's breath in front of one's face, and rumor has it that Buffalo has been hit with 2 feet of snow. Not now, it's too early, it can't be!

Well we can take solace in the fact that this kind of weather means it's the best time of year in the world of fun and games. Baseball playoffs, NHL season starting up, the NFL swinging towards mid-season and the hoopsters from the NBA getting ready to take to the hardwood!! A veritable smorgasbord for sports fans, so without further ado lets get to it!

The Toronto Maple Leafs are off to a surprising start this season given that they have the scoring punch of an 8 year-old schoolgirl. New coach Paul Maurice has the Buds playing with heart and determination, something that was lacking a bit towards the end of Pat Quinn's tenure. If Santa could only bring them another scorer and a reliable defenseman this team could be better than many experts anticipated. Andrew Raycroft looks like the real deal between the pipes, so Eddie (the Ancient Eagle) Belfour has not been missed.

Looks like all this premature talk of Sidney Crosby being the next Gretzky may not have been so far-fetched after all. 19 year-old Sid has stopped whining to the refs and is on pace to shatter his 100 point rookie season. The kid is stronger, playing with more confidence, and most importantly has a better supporting cast around him this year. Hopefully Crosby and fellow wunderkind Alexander Ovechkin can be the Wayne Gretzky and Mario Lemieux of the 21st century. That would be a great thing for hockey.

Terrell Owens is at it already, and in record time. After faking his way through a pre-season injury, the boneheaded Owens may or may not have tried to commit suicide with the aid of the prescription pain medication he was taking. He denied it, but already is causing a circus in Dallas. The egotistical wideout then returned to Philly for his huge grudge match game against the Eagles and laid a big egg in front of the 70,000 fans spewing vitriol at him. He ended his banner week by yelling at



Illustration by Don Spencer

Suddenly Single Sports Scrawl

by lorne greer

coaches and teammates on the sideline. When are teams going to learn that while he is a supreme talent he is simply not worth the aggravation that he causes, and cannot change his character no matter how much he professes that he can?

The sun shone a little bit brighter on the Scrawler when he awoke the other day to the news that the \$220 million Yankees had been bounced from the post-season yet again. Despite a roster of all-stars that should make Steinbrenner blush, the no-name upstart Detroit Tigers trounced the Bronx Bombers

(literally) and sent owner Georgey into another of his laugh-inducing tirades. Alex (A-Fraud) Rodriguez may have written his ticket out of New York, as the \$250 million dollar man had yet another post-season to forget.

Still with the Yankees, it was sad news from Yankeealand when pitcher Corey Lidle died a couple of days after the team was eliminated. Seems he flew his small plane into the side of a luxury apartment building. While it is a horrible thing, can these athletes not find something a little safer to do than fly planes or drive motorcycles with no helmets?? Why throw away your fame and millions by taking up such stupid hobbies?? That's just the Scrawlers 2 cents anyway.

As Halloween approaches, Toronto Raptor fans are hoping that they will get a treat and not be tricked yet again by this talented but enigmatic squad. The Raps have added a legit center, a point guard and the first overall pick in the draft (something named Andrea Bargnini) to a team that includes cornerstone power forward Chris Bosh. Mark it down folks. The Scrawler is going out on a very thin, precarious limb and predicting that this is the year that Toronto finally makes some noise in the regular season, but more importantly, the playoffs. Okay so I'm probably wrong, but it is still a bold prediction, right?

Finally, a few of quick random thoughts.....

Where are the real Ottawa Senators, they're looking awful? Usually the Sens save performance like these for the post-season choke job.

Who's the more tragic sports figure, Mike Tyson sparring for pocket money, or Maurice Claret going-out of his mind?? Tyson by KO.

Who's dominates their sport more, Roger Federer in tennis or Tiger Woods in golf?? It may be the Scrawler's anti-Tiger bias but he's going with Federer.

Who's the hotter Russian tennis vixen, Maria Sharapova or Anna Kournikova? Too tough to call, the Scrawler reserves his judgment until they agree to a bikini contest to decide the winner!!

Until next month I remain your witty, observant and intelligent.....

Scrawler



Geocaching kid

Hike Haliburton Festival was a fun place to be in spite of the cold and damp weather. Thirty people, plus volunteers, turned out to share the experience of geocaching at site 19. Information and signup tents were set up, a laptop gave the hikers information on geocaching. Volunteers handed out GPS equipment to novices and provided a crash course in how to use them. It was interesting to see the ages of the participants - from toddlers to seniors. Mary Barker organized the event cache at the site of "Wedlock Hemlock" cache. It was a child friendly, dog friendly cache that would not be difficult to locate for all. Mary quipped "don't forget to mark the point you left your vehicle" or you might have a problem finding your way back to your car. Wilberforce and Greater Surrounding Area has been designated "The Geocaching Capital of Canada". Check out the website for more information. www.GeocachingCapitalofCanada.com

Last month I wrote about the commercialization of childhood. This month we'll have some (disturbing) fun looking at a man who has taken righteous aim at our consumer culture.

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The Gospel of anti-consumerism

By Peter R. Snell

I invite you to share a few hallelujahs with Reverend Billy, who presides over the Church of Stop Shopping in New York. We'll partake of a few verses of Bump and Grind the Buckheads with him, as he tells us in song to go to the Internet, download a Coverco Report (a Guatemalan group that monitors conditions in garment and agricultural places of work), then gather our trumpets, drums and so on and march to Starbucks. There, we'll stuff the Coverco report down our shirts, pants, boots, whatever, avert our gaze from the naked mermaid over the door, enter and do the bump and grind for patrons consuming coffee there. It's a party, children, and Reverend Bill knows how to lay it on! There we'll grope each other to extract the crumpled Coverco report from our bodies and find out what exactly is going on in the coffee plantations of Chiapas, Mexico and elsewhere. Groove on that harmonica while Reverend Bill preaches from the Coverco Report about child labour and pesticides - it's a free-for-all down there, brothers and sisters and we're part of it!

Reverend Billy (aka actor Bill Talon) is some preacher. In one session he has converted whole tents to global cooling, alternative transportation, and no Victoria Secret underwear for at least 10 years. Amen, and praise the bicycle!

So, what's wrong with Victoria's Secret underwear, you ask. Well, they produce 395 million catalogues per year. About 25% of the paper for that comes from Canada's boreal forests. The company has been pressured by tree huggers to invest in some recycling, but it still uses masses of virgin paper to push its product. Reverend Billy doesn't like that and he's preaching the word. It's getting out. Other groups are pressuring Victoria's Secret too. For example, ForestEthics, unlike some tree-hugger types who won't even attempt to deal with environmentally destructive organizations, are trying to get Victoria's Secret to be more responsible. Victoria's Secret has made some token moves, but the tree huggers have convinced some American publications to refuse to run Victoria's Secret ads.

Rolling Stone, Spin, Lucky, Marie Claire, Nylon, and USA Today have all agreed they will not run them until the naughty lingerie company cleans up its act. ForestEthics continues its pressure with regular street theatre performances in American cities, which they call Victoria's Dirty Secret.

Meanwhile, Reverend Billy spreads the word, complete with the Stop Shopping Gospel Choir and a seven-piece band. As well as Starbucks' and Victoria's Secret, he's also targeted companies like Nike, Walt Disney and Wal-Mart. I've only seen and heard Reverend Billy via the Internet, but by all accounts his live shows are exciting. He's got all the righteousness of a fundamentalist revival meeting, an upbeat sermon style, and lots of music. Underlying it all is a more somber message: corporate culture is killing the individuality of communities and drawing adults and children in with them. We ignore outrageous work practices and environmental degradation in our rush for more stuff that we believe will improve our lives. All it does, says Reverend Billy, is make us want more even while we become more miserable.

Meanwhile, back in the sweatshop adults and children are working long days to provide us with cheap shoes. If you want to get just a whisper of what working in a sweatshop is like, check out a simple game called Sim Sweatshop, created by a conscientious gamer (www.simsweatshop.com/game). It only takes a few goes at it to get the idea. As you frantically try to build a (virtual) shoe, time ticks away, you lose focus, expenses overcome you and you find you are booted from the factory for not being able to produce enough. You know you can never really win, but you keep plugging away thinking you can beat it somehow. It's only a faint shadow of the real thing, but it does give you a good idea of the real horror of such a situation.

That's partly why Reverend Billy works so hard against Wal-Mart and similar companies. But corporations are fighting back. Even as they oppress and pollute, they spend millions on public relations to twist the message around. Limited Brands, Victoria

Secret's parent company, want you to know that they are "committed to being a responsible member of the global community. Accountability and responsibility must be our guiding principles, and our actions must demonstrate our values." They have some pretty impressive guidelines for preventing abusive labour practices.

According to the National Labour Council, it's all wallpaper. In Jordan, it alleges that a number of factories have horrendously harsh conditions and very low wages. These factories produce for Victoria's Secret as well as Wal-Mart, Gloria Vanderbilt, Target, Kohl's, Thalia Sodi for Kmart, L.L. Bean and others. In the "Al Shahaed factory producing for Wal-Mart, there were 24, 38 and even 72-hour shifts. The workers were paid an average wage of two cents an hour. Workers were slapped, kicked, punched and hit with sticks and belts."

This is hard stuff to track. Governments are reluctant to admit such atrocities exist. There's a labour agreement between Jordan and the United States for example, that looks pretty good. According to the NLC, it is systematically ignored. A brief investigation into any of the individual factories producing (say) for the Gloria Vanderbilt line brings up a list of horrendous conditions amounting to forced labour and foul working and living conditions. Here is where Western affluence makes its millions; every time we step into a Wal-Mart store we condone such practices.

It's a tough row to hoe, but if we really want it, we have to avoid the Wal-Marts of the world, take the Victoria's Secret scoundrels to task and look a little further to find Fair Trade coffee. More than ever, we need to shake off the "I can't save the world" blues and join with Reverend Billy in exposing those who would oppress people to line their own pockets. In the Reverend's words, we need changelujah! If we can have a bit of fun in the meantime, so much the better.

Reverend Billy says going into a Starbucks, giving people bits of paper describing the conditions of coffee workers and then standing with your arms in the air preaching an anti-corporate sermon is to enter a state of "exalted embarrassment." But we need such methods to help us dig into our consciences and find a way to defend ourselves from the cultural holocaust that envelops us. "My devil was the Disney Store," Reverend Billy has been quoted as saying, "and Mickey Mouse was the Antichrist. So I started inventing a theology as a way to defend the neighborhood." With a little bit of righteous indignation and a little bit of humour we might just conquer this Antichrist, or what the Reverend calls "shopocalypse".

Until next time, hallelujah, brothers and sisters!

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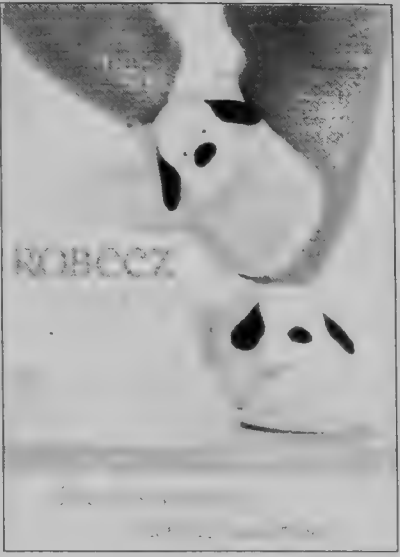
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After a day of giving checkups, prescribing drugs and hearing about symptoms, one Canadian family physician wasn't surprised to read a Harvard Medical School study stating that Canada's public health-care system outperformed its US counterpart in economic efficiency and patient well being.

"There's no question a universal health care system is the best one," said Dr. Eva Eros, a Moncton based family physician practicing in Canada for more than twenty years.

The study, published in the July issue of the American Journal of Public Health, found that while US residents spend twice as much per capita on health care, they're 19% more likely to face unmet health needs than Canadian residents.

"I don't see how the market system can be called efficient when more than 40 million Americans are uninsured," said Dr. Eros.

According to the study, U.S. residents are seven times more likely to go without needed care due to cost as Canadian residents are (7.0% of U.S. respondents vs. 0.8% of Canadians). Uninsured U.S. residents were particularly vulnerable; 30.4% reported having an unmet health need due to cost, according to the study.

Harvard's study analyzes the Joint Canada-U.S. Survey of Health. This was the first-ever health survey carried out jointly by the two nations' official statistics agencies. It involved 3,505 Canadian residents and 5,183 American residents, who were interviewed between November 2002 and March 2003.

Dr. Eros thinks higher rates of chronic illness south of the border are symptoms of culture, along with economics and public policy. "One of the things they [the report's authors] say, is that the US has higher rates of chronic disease, which doesn't necessarily mean worse treatment. Longer work hours, fast-food, obesity, spending all that time in the car, there are social factors at play beyond the health care system itself," she said.

According to the study, U.S. residents had higher blood pressure (18% of U.S. residents as opposed

Open up and say huh?

Harvard study examines the costs of public health care.

by Chris Arsenault

to 14% of Canadian residents) and higher obesity rates (21% of U.S. respondents reporting obesity versus 15% of Canadian respondents). Canadian residents surveyed were 7% more likely to have a regular doctor.

"These findings raise serious questions about what we're getting for the \$2.1 trillion we're spending on health care this year," said Dr. David Himmelstein, Associate Professor of Medicine at Harvard and co-author of the study. "We pay almost twice what Canada does for care, more than \$6,000 for every American, yet Canadians are healthier, and live two to three years longer."

Even with the private, for-profit, insurance-driven health model so thoroughly rebuked by top medical institutions (the New England Journal of Medicine published a study in 2003 showing the U.S. model was less efficient and had greater administrative costs) advocates of privatization still lurk in the shadows of Canadian health care policy.

The great game of who controls health care is still in full swing, although the players have likely never been so cynical, so overtly motivated by

polling numbers rather than by principle. Stephen Harper devoted a good part of his political life to undermining the public system. For a time, he led the National Citizens Coalition, a group created in 1967 specifically to oppose public health care.

But Mr. Harper has changed his tone, consistently supporting the Canada Health Act, key legislation protecting universal public care. He even rebuked Alberta Premier Ralph Klein in April when Klein tried to implement his 'third way' health model.

Alberta's shelved legislation would have created a new insurance scheme for those willing to pay for quicker access to joint replacements and other procedures. In addition, it would have allowed doctors to practice in both the private and public systems at the same time.

Most political observers don't think Harper will be privatizing health services anytime soon - he's read the polls and knows privatization is deeply unpopular - but it's hard to believe he won't try to put the wheels of privatization into motion the moment he's given the political space to do so.

Dr. Eros has her share of nasty anecdotal evidence which attests to the inadequacy of current Canadian health policy: "I have a patient now who has been waiting six months for hip surgery and she'll probably have to wait another three, she's in chronic pain so this isn't an ideal situation."

But rather than letting the rich jump the queue on essential services, Dr. Eros thinks that "we need to train more specialists to address the long delays for surgery and more family physicians to address the needs of patients who don't have a primary care physician even in this country."

She believes primary care teams including nurse practitioners and public health nurses can do a great deal to improve access to health care. "Primary care helps provide early diagnoses which can fix ailments before they get more expensive and difficult to treat. Hospital admission can be avoided," she said.

The health-care situation in this country isn't perfect but, according to Dr. Eros and Harvard Medical School, it could be a whole lot worse. dominionpaper.ca

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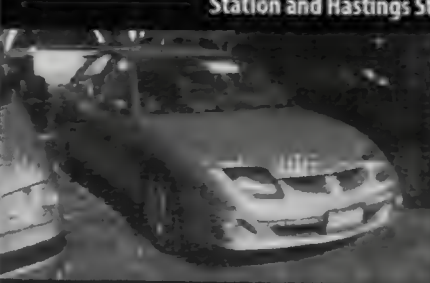
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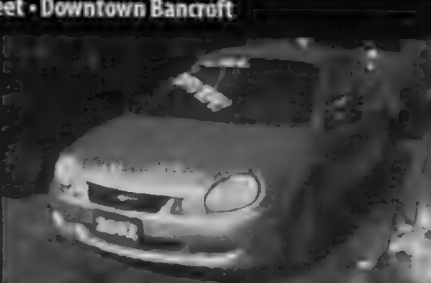
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The Canadian media has recently been celebrating the release of the excellent compilation *Jamaica to TorontoSoul, Funk and Reggae 1967-1974*; part of a series of re-issues that are single-handedly prompting the rediscovery of a vital era of Canadian soul music. But they should also provoke Canadians to consider why such albums were forgotten in the first place.

The story of Jamaica to Toronto begins in 1962, when Canada changed its immigration laws in an effort to eliminate racial discrimination, an act that led to an influx of newcomers from around the world. Many of them settled in Toronto, including several talented musicians from Jamaica. One such artist was the young guitarist Wayne McGhie, who recorded an album with his band The Sounds of Joy in 1969. By 1970 there were approximately 45,000 people of West Indian origin living in Canada and a unique music scene was buzzing in Toronto, music that mixed influences of soul, rocksteady, funk, rock and reggae. Unfortunately, despite their talent and previous musical success in Jamaica, many musicians found it difficult to make headway in the North American recording industry, realizing that reformed immigration laws did not necessarily mean discrimination had lessened in other areas of Canadian society.

As Guy Dixon discovered while conducting interviews with these musicians for a recent article in the *Globe and Mail*, the musicians affected were still understandably sensitive decades later when remembering the discrimination they faced in Canada in the 1960s. Bob Williams, the singer for the group Bob and Wisdom, recalled: "We were making very good money in Jamaica. We were actually the highest-paid band in Jamaica, back in Montego Bay with Billy Vernon and Celestials. So when we came here, to be actually called a minority, it was very tough." As an example, when Bob and Wisdom recorded an excellent cover of Mac Davis' "I Believe in Music" (re-released on Jamaica to Toronto), Williams recalled that, "We actually took it to CHUM [then the dominant top 40 station in Toronto] and the guy told me that he wouldn't play it. I said 'Why?' And he said it was the best version he had ever heard, but he wouldn't play it because we were black. Straight up. So we kind of got despondent about it. And we just continued to do live shows and stuff, you know? We didn't

Race, Rock and Soul

Jamaica to Toronto raises questions about Canada's pop past

by Matt Brennan



For years, an album by Wayne McGhie and his band The Sounds of Joy had been sought after both by record collectors due to its rarity (most copies were lost in a warehouse in 1970), and by hip-hop producers due to its excellent breakbeats by drummer Everton Paul.

bother with recordings because there was no outlet for it. So it's ironic that after about 30 years, it has made a resurgence."

Apart from the obvious strength of the music itself, the resurgence is mainly due to the efforts of Matt Sullivan, the co-founder of a small Seattle record label called Light in the Attic, and Kevin Howe, a music researcher and DJ based in Vancouver. For years, an album by Wayne McGhie and his band The Sounds of Joy had been sought after both by record collectors due to its rarity (most copies were lost in a warehouse in 1970), and by hip-hop producers due to its excellent breakbeats by drum-

mer Everton Paul. After much investigation and hard work, Sullivan and Howe located McGhie and re-issued Wayne McGhie and the Sounds of Joy in 2004. Its success led to the expansion of the project to include more albums and songs by immigrant Jamaican musicians in Toronto.

It is wonderful to see the media attention devoted to these fine re-issues, celebrating the discovery of Canada's multicultural pop-music past. One would hope it would also prompt Canadian media to consider why such music needs rediscovering. Unfortunately, the same media that currently celebrates the Jamaica to Toronto re-issues simultaneously turns a blind eye to Canadian pop music of non-white origins in its representations of our music history.

As recently as January 2006, CBC-TV broadcasted a special entitled *Shakin' All Over*. It was billed as a "joyful look at Canadian music from the 60s" and was based on Nicholas Jennings's book *Before the Gold Rush: Flashbacks to the Dawn of the Canadian Sound*. The documentary purported to showcase not only the usual suspects in the Canadian pop pantheon—Neil Young, Joni Mitchell, the Guess Who, the Band and Gordon Lightfoot—but also many lesser-known musicians who didn't necessarily have any chart hits, but who were nonetheless important in shaping Canadian popular music history. Unfortunately, the only pop musicians of colour represented in the documentary were those we already knew: the Cree folk singer Buffy Sainte Marie and "super-freak" Rick James (James himself appeared to be included only as a novelty rather than an artist, due to his brief stint playing in the same band as Neil Young). The CBC documentary should have included any of the dozen Toronto bands that make up the Jamaica to Toronto re-issue series, especially considering the re-issue project started two years before *Shakin' All Over* came out, and that the documentary was touted as a programme that would uncover and pay homage to forgotten bands.

The forgotten soul, funk and reggae scenes of Toronto matter—or they ought to, anyway—precisely because they create a better, more accurate, not to mention more ethical, revision of Canada's music history, so that we might ultimately better understand how Canadian culture was constructed in the past, injustices and all.

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A Story of Three Loves

Part One: Kate and the Mer-Man

by Jerry Cutler

Not particularly beautiful but you noticed her at the outset because, as most women well-know: if you're not particularly beautiful, then dress creatively, distinctively. When you spoke with Kate you became aware of a woman of strength, intelligence and integrity.

Kate's ability was recognized early in her career which resulted in her steady rise up to the corporate hierarchy. It involved dedication, which was fine, but the long hours were something she had neither expected nor planned. The demands and responsibilities of her position left her too exhausted for a social life. At day's end Kate would simply retire to her home; available weekends were spent with Trudy, her closest and childhood friend. Over organic green tea--steaming in winter, iced in summer--they would lament the universal women's lament: where are the quality men for decent workable relationships?

There was the occasional party thrown by a friend or business associate which was where she was introduced to Tom. There was an immediate attraction and he moved in a few weeks later.

Tom had the looks of a male model; that's where it began and ended. He figured that Kate needed, would be grateful, to have a guy like himself around. As the relationship evolved, Tom took no domestic responsibility, was unreliable financially and emotionally. But Kate was too busy, too tired to see that she was living with a "jerk".

About a year into the relationship, something began gnawing away at Kate. But, caught up in her fast-paced world, too involved, too enmeshed in her work, couldn't put a meaning to it or to invest precious time to deal with it.

Kate's joy was scuba diving and whenever she and Trudy could get away together, they would fly down to the Caribbean for a week of diving in the warm clear waters. A period when she divorced herself from the demands of her job--no cell-phone, no computer, no telling anyone her whereabouts and no Tom. But this

vacation with Trudy was going to be different because Kate wanted to make sense of what was eating away at her; to discuss her feelings as they related to Tom, to her job, how she viewed her world and its prospects. Something Kate realized that she should have done earlier.

No diving the first day as the seas were restless, the winds were gusting, so she and Trudy spoke. Actually Kate spoke, cried, laughed and Trudy listened over their rum-laden drinks. Tom was easy. He'll be history when she returns. The remainder of the day was spent in introspection for Kate, devoting time to herself and reviewing why she was attracted to a dud like Tom and especially how not to create a future pattern with losers. As well, Kate had to consider what effect the demands of her job had on her.

On the second day, the weather was ideal--calm ocean, warm sun and little wind. In an area no one had ever explored before and not for any particular reason. After checking their gear and reviewing their dive plan, they suited up, flipped backwards off the gunnel and descended to 200 feet, their usual depth. Kate's job on this dive was to take pictures of the schools of fish and Trudy, with an electric prod, was to keep watch for signs of danger and signal when time for the ascent. Kate was so taken with the spectacular view that she forgot to keep Trudy in sight when well into the dive. Trudy at that time rounded a rock formation fascinated by the view as well. Both lost sight of each other. Kate was first to realize that she lost sight of Trudy, began looking for her and started to panic as they were nearing the time to surface. "Got to find Trudy, got to find the ascent rope. Stop panicking, uses too much oxygen, not much left". Panic became desperation. Her last sensation before drifting into unconsciousness was something terrifying grasping, tightening around her wrists.

When Trudy surfaced and didn't see Kate on board, she became concerned then hysterical. Divers were sent down and airplanes scoured the area and followed the Gulf Stream for

several days but found no trace of her. Kate's body was never found.

Her business colleagues were stunned. Chaos was avoided in the company because Kate, being the capable leader that she was, had already groomed her assistant and successor who calmed the Board, staff and the business community. Kate's death appeared on the front page of the national dailies, business magazines nationally and internationally. Her parents, younger brother, his wife and children were flown in to attend the memorial service held for Kate.

When Kate awoke on a soft mat and able to focus her eyes, she realized that she was in a gigantic well-illuminated underwater cavern. There was a warm bright sun from which she shielded her eyes. When his body morphed instantaneously from amphibious humanoid into a human, she was about to go into hysterics. But when his deep brown eyes stared into hers, she felt an immediate tenderness, warmth, caring. Her terror dissipated instantaneously.

He then spoke with kindness, tenderness and understanding. "What you have just witnessed would have terrified most earth humans. When you became separated from your partner I sensed that you were in danger, that your oxygen was depleted and that you were in danger of drowning--actually you did drown. I don't know why I swam out to rescue you as it's contrary to our laws. If earth humans knew we were here, they would seek us out and destroy us.

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ago, we realized that our civilization would be doomed in a short matter of time. Fortunately our ancestors had predicted this millennia before the invasions, gave permission to our scientists to seek out and create a refuge for our people. They decided deep in the earth's core with well-hidden entrances via the ocean. We then took refuge. Our scientists genetically modified us to create an amphibian race. We have the ability to change freely, partially or totally, from land to ocean dweller, our intuitive abilities are highly developed and we can communicate telepathically. Please have no fear as we will return you to earth when you have recovered fully. But, we will erase your memory of us. In the meantime, I will take you to our city to where you will be more comfortable. While there, please feel free to pass freely among us, learn about us. You will be loved and accepted as one of us during your stay. My name earth name is Tom, I'm a scientist and a member of our governing body. If you like, we can modify you to be like us: to live, to feel and think like us while you're recovering and will restore you to your original form when it's time to return to surface earth".

Years after Kate's disappearance, Trudy and her husband decided to spend their winter vacation on a cruise in the Caribbean. The itinerary, unknown to Trudy, was to take them past the area of the last dive she had with Kate. The tour guide on the deck quickly provided binoculars to his group on the deck in order to follow the school of dolphins in the distance fast approaching the ship. As Trudy adjusted the binoculars to locate the dolphins, she saw three hazy figures seemingly sitting on top of the water about 500 metres off port. About to dismiss the hazy figures as an optical illusion and to follow the dolphins, something compelled her to refocus the binoculars back to those figures. Trudy saw three human-like figures of varying size sitting on the edge of a reef. Focusing on the larger figure she saw a male: angel-like facial features, intelligent, alert, shoulder-length raven hair and a well-defined muscular torso; focusing on the next figure, Trudy saw a child, a beautiful girl, angel-like facial features with raven hair falling to her shoulders, laughing; focusing on the next figure--the binoculars and her knees hit the floor simultaneously. It was Kate, looking absolutely radiant. All three with flippers. Then gone in a flash.

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Old newspapers are often a mine of information for the earnest visitor to the past. Extracts from the Cobalt Daily Nugget of July and August 1910 tell a little of a famous animal character of the north.

One clip was about a now long gone community in south Temiskaming, the once thriving Silver Centre. It seems that a bulldog came in to sit and observe the court proceedings. The account went on to say presumably the dog dropped in because his lawyer owner A.G. Slaght was appearing in court. The other piece mentioned the dog Cobalt Slaght boarded a Lake Temiskaming steamer in company with his friend O'Dorg, who was

Cobalt Slaght

The Dog Who Travelled the North

by Michael Barnes

owned by Haileybury founder C.C. Farr. Cobalt was the dog who owned a district. The canine character had what might be unkindly termed an ugly face but he was extremely popular and befriended by everybody.

This popularity gained him free unescorted trips as far north as Porcupine or even south to Toronto. He generally did not walk far, preferring to travel by boat or train. When Cobalt was not in transit, he liked to sit in the rotunda of the old Vendome Hotel in Haileybury or in the middle of the sidewalk outside the Cobalt Stock Exchange. People detoured around him for he never moved if it was not his idea. Not only was Cobalt a familiar sight on the trains and boats but he was quite welcome in most restaurants in the northeast. Welcome always meant a free meal. The gesture was after all only fair because Cobalt knew he added class to places he patronized. Sometimes he would take a notion to go prospecting. The wily bulldog would follow a prospector back to his camp and enjoy bush hospitality for a while. If the canine Mr. Slaght paid a call to a hotel, and one example was Charlie Chow's Hotel in Kirkland Lake, he was duly registered as Cobalt Slaght. He frequently took in court proceedings but was never treated as a vagrant by the magistrate. Cobalt just plain brought good luck and everyone knew it. He knew boat captains and train conductors. The sight of his familiar face outside a cabin door cheered many a pulp cutter or prospector.

Cobalt did have one decidedly anti-social trait. Every now and again he liked a good fight. As a bulldog he lived up to the reputation of the breed for being tenacious and hanging on to any canine opponent. Since he was a companionable animal, Cobalt preferred to chum up with Irish terriers.

The companion would have to be of like temperament because he would have to fight at the tough old bulldog's side until all local curs had running yelping, tail between their legs, vanquished by the pugilistic pair.

One day when Cobalt was taking the air on Lang Street in the silver town, he spied a younger bulldog. The two dogs began to fight and although Cobalt was older than his foe, he gave a good account of himself.

The town of Cobalt is built on rock and there are lots of steep rock cuts. The fighters came near to one sharp drop and our hero fell over the edge. Sadly he never fully recovered from the injuries he received in the fall. People all over the district were concerned for his welfare and daily bulletins as to his condition were published at the local stock exchange.

Maybe one of the reasons Cobalt Slaght was so popular was that he had love, a fine home and many friends. More likely he was admired throughout the north because he embodied the spirit we have in this country. He was independent and restless, always seeking adventure and the good life.

Over the years legends arose about the famous bulldog. One was to the effect that in burying a bone he uncovered a major silver outcropping. Story or not, there was a mine in Cobalt called The Bulldog.

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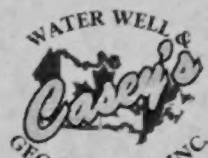
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One story says that on Nov. 1 the disembodied spirits of all those who had died throughout the preceding year would come back in search of living bodies to possess for the next year. It was believed to be their only hope for the afterlife. The Celts believed all laws of space and time were suspended during this time, allowing the spirit world to intermingle with the living.

Naturally, the still living did not want to be possessed. So on the night of October 31, villagers would extinguish the fires in their homes, to make them cold and undesirable. They would then dress up in all manner of ghoulish costumes and noisily paraded around the neighborhood, being as destructive as possible in order to frighten away spirits looking for bodies to possess. The custom of trick-or-treating is thought to have originated not with the Irish Celts, but with a ninth-century European custom called "souling". On November 2, All Souls Day, early Christians would walk from village to village begging for "soul cakes," made out of square pieces of bread with currants. The more soul cakes the beggars would receive, the more prayers they would promise to say on behalf of the dead relatives of the donors. At the time, it was believed that the dead remained in limbo for a time after death, and that prayer, even by strangers, could expedite a soul's passage to heaven.

Another assumption: On the evening before Samhain (another name for Halloween), people left food on their doorsteps to keep hungry spirits from entering the house. Festivalgoers started dressing in ghost, witch, and goblin costumes so that wandering spirits would leave them alone. To this day, these are Halloween's most popular costumes.

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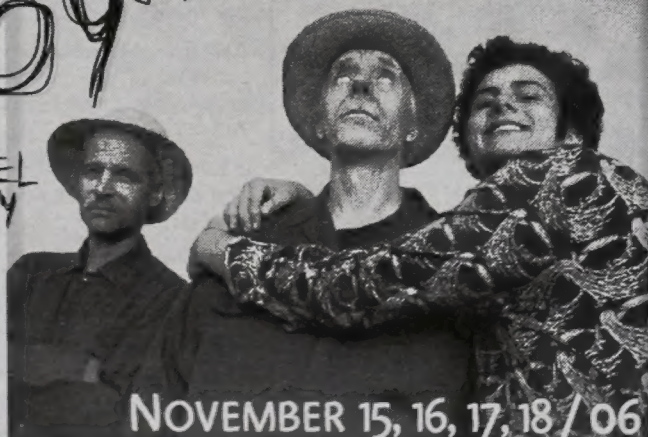
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